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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

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SUBJECT: UNION CARBIDE REPS VISIT GABON

REF: LIBREVILLE 633

1. BRONSON OF UNION CARBIDE WAS TELEPHONED JUNE 4 IN NEW YORK. THE TRIP OF HIM AND BRITAIN WAS TO VISIT MANGANESE ORE OPERATIONS IN GABON AND ZAIRE. THEIR REASON FOR CONTACTING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LIBREVILLE WAS TO QUOTE LET THE EMBASSY OFFICIALS KNOW WE WERE IN THE COUNTRY UNQUOTE.

2. UNION CARBIDE BUYS 1 MILLION TONS OF MANGANESE ORE ANNUALLY, MAKING THE COMPANY THE LARGEST SINGLE BUYER IN THE WORLD. BRONSON STRESSED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT TO GABON AND ZAIRE WAS QUOTE INFORMATIONAL UNQUOTE. THEY QUOTE LOOKED AT THE OPERATION AND EVALUATED THE FUTURE SUPPLY UNQUOTE AT EACH MINE THEY VISITED (KISENGE MINE IN ZAIRE NEAR LUBUMBASHI AND THE MOANDA MINE IN GABON.)

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THEIR EXPENSES WERE PAID BY THE MINING COMPANIES.

3. BRONSON IS A SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR UNION CARBIDE
AND BRITTAIN IS LIKEWISE UNCONNECTED WITH UNION CARBIDE
EXPLORATION EFFORTS. BRONSON SAID THEIR TRIP WAS IN NO
WAY CONCERNED WITH ANY POSSIBLE UNION CARBIDE URANIUM CON-
CESSION. HE SAID ANY INQUIRIES ON URANIUM IN GABON
COULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD MR. A. W. HULLOCK OF THE EX-
PLORATION DIVISION OF UNION CARBIDE. SISCO

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